

\$500,000 in subsequent years, since it will not enhance revenues. Although it may seem counterintuitive that the so-called “Federal Employee Tax Accountability Act” would increase the deficit, it is logical when one considers current law. Presently, the law provides for a hierarchy of penalties based on the seriousness and willfulness of the offense related to improperly filing a tax return, and it provides IRS the authority to garnish wages to recoup owed taxes from employees.

H.R. 249 would replace this system with an inflexible mandate to fire any Federal employee with an outstanding tax debt to the Federal Government for which a public lien has been filed. If my Republican colleagues are so concerned about tax delinquency, then why not use the \$1 million cost of this legislation to hire additional IRS enforcement agents to chip away at our Nation’s net tax gap of approximately \$385 billion?

We recently held a hearing where the head of the U.S. Government Accountability Office stated that the tax gap is the single largest item we can address to achieve savings. Could it be that actually recognizing such valuable work does not fit neatly with their negative narrative of the Federal workforce? Spending more than \$1 million to implement H.R. 249, which only targets our country’s civil servants and does nothing to address our Nation’s \$385 billion tax gap, is neither a prudent nor wise policy response. I urge all Members to oppose this legislation.

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to H.R. 249, the misleadingly named Federal Employee Tax Accountability Act. This bill unfairly singles out federal employees for punishment instead of applying a uniform set of rules to individuals who may be delinquent on their taxes.

All Americans should pay their taxes, and those who fail to do so should be penalized. But this bill denies public workers the full complement of due process rights that would be available to any other American under the same circumstances. In effect, this bill would require the firing of any public employee even if they are legitimately contesting their delinquency through the established process. There are laws and regulations on the books that address how tax delinquency should be handled and how public employees who are delinquent on their payments should be disciplined. By by-passing those procedures, this measure unfairly targets public employees simply because they work for the government.

Public servants work hard every day providing a wide array of public services for Americans, from helping to nurse our wounded veterans, to discovering cures and treatments for diseases that plague millions of American families, to protecting our food supply.

The passage of this bill is the latest in a series of unfair congressional attacks on public workers that has ranged from cutting their pay to reducing their benefits. And this bill arrives just as many of them face further pay cuts resulting from agency imposed furloughs.

Federal workers do not deserve to be treated like this.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. ISSA) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 249.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on motions to suspend the rules previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

H.R. 1162, by the yeas and nays;

H.R. 882, by the yeas and nays;

H.R. 249, by the yeas and nays.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Remaining electronic votes will be conducted as 5-minute votes.

GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE IMPROVEMENT ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1162) to amend title 31, United States Code, to make improvements in the Government Accountability Office, as amended, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. ISSA) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 408, nays 0, not voting 24, as follows:

[Roll No. 103]

YEAS—408

Aderholt
Alexander
Amash
Amodei
Andrews
Bachmann
Bachus
Barber
Barletta
Barr
Barrow (GA)
Barton
Bass
Beatty
Becerra
Benishek
Bentivoglio
Bera (CA)
Bilirakis
Bishop (GA)
Bishop (NY)
Bishop (UT)
Black
Blackburn
Blumenauer
Bonamici
Bonner
Boustany
Brady (PA)
Brady (TX)
Braley (IA)
Bridenstine
Brooks (AL)
Brooks (IN)

Broun (GA)
Brownley (CA)
Buchanan
Bucshon
Burgess
Bustos
Butterfield
Cavert
Camp
Campbell
Cantor
Capito
Capps
Capuano
Cárdenas
Carney
Carson (IN)
Carter
Cartwright
Cassidy
Castor (FL)
Castro (TX)
Chabot
Chaffetz
Chu
Cicilline
Clyburn
Coble
Coffman
Cohen
Cole
Collins (GA)
Collins (NY)
Conaway

Connolly
Conyers
Cook
Cooper
Costa
Cotton
Cramer
Crawford
Crenshaw
Crowley
Cuellar
Culberson
Cummings
Daines
Davis (CA)
Davis, Danny
DeFazio
DeGette
Delaney
DeLauro
DelBene
Denham
Dent
DeSantis
DesJarlais
Deutch
Diaz-Balart
Dingell
Doggett
Doyle
Duckworth
Duffy
Duncan (SC)
Duncan (TN)

Edwards
Ellison
Ellmers
Engel
Enyart
Eshoo
Esty
Farenthold
Farr
Fattah
Fitzpatrick
Fleischmann
Fleming
Flores
Forbes
Fortenberry
Foster
Fox
Frankel (FL)
Franks (AZ)
Frelinghuysen
Fudge
Gabbard
Gallego
Garamendi
Garcia
Gardner
Garrett
Gerlach
Gibbs
Gibson
Gingrey (GA)
Gohmert
Goodlatte
Gosar
Gowdy
Granger
Graves (GA)
Graves (MO)
Grayson
Green, Al
Green, Gene
Griffin (AR)
Griffith (VA)
Grijalva
Grimm
Guthrie
Gutierrez
Hahn
Hall
Hanabusa
Hanna
Harper
Harris
Hartzler
Hastings (WA)
Heck (NV)
Heck (WA)
Hensarling
Herrera Beutler
Higgins
Himes
Hinojosa
Holding
Holt
Horsford
Hoyer
Hudson
Huelskamp
Huffman
Huizenga (MI)
Hultgren
Hunter
Hurt
Israel
Issa
Jackson Lee
Jeffries
Jenkins
Johnson (GA)
Johnson (OH)
Johnson, E. B.
Johnson, Sam
Jones
Jordan
Joyce
Kaptur
Kelly (IL)
Kelly (PA)
Kennedy
Kildee
Kilmer
Kind
King (IA)
King (NY)
Kingston
Kinzinger (IL)
Kirkpatrick
Kline

Kuster
Labrador
LaMalfa
Lamborn
Lance
Langevin
Lankford
Larsen (WA)
Larson (CT)
Latham
Latta
Lee (CA)
Levin
Lewis
Lipinski
LoBiondo
Loeb
Loftis
Long
Lowenthal
Lowe
Lucas
Luetkemeyer
Lujan Grisham
Lujan, Ben Ray
Maloney, Carolyn
Maloney, Sean
Marino
Massie
Matheson
Matsui
McCarthy (CA)
McCarthy (NY)
McCaul
McClintock
McCollum
McGovern
McHenry
McIntyre
McKeon
McKinley
McMorris
Rodgers
McNerney
Meadows
Meehan
Meeks
Messer
Mica
Michaud
Miller (FL)
Miller (MI)
Miller, George
Moran
Mullin
Mulvaney
Murphy (FL)
Murphy (PA)
Nadler
Napolitano
Neal
Negrete McLeod
Neugebauer
Noem
Nolan
Nugent
Nunes
Nunnelee
O'Rourke
Olson
Owens
Palazzo
Pascarella
Pastor (AZ)
Paulsen
Payne
Pearce
Pelosi
Perlmuter
Perry
Peters (CA)
Peters (MI)
Peterson
Petri
Pingree (ME)
Pitts
Pocan
Poe (TX)
Polis
Pompeo
Posey
Price (GA)
Price (NC)
Quigley
Radel

Rahall
Rangel
Reed
Reichert
Renacci
Ribble
Rice (SC)
Rigell
Rohy
Roe (TN)
Rogers (AL)
Rogers (KY)
Rogers (MI)
Rokita
Rooney
Ros-Lehtinen
Roskam
Ross
Rothfus
Roybal-Allard
Royce
Ruiz
Runyan
Ruppersberger
Rush
Ryan (OH)
Ryan (WI)
Salmon
Sánchez, Linda T.
Sanchez, Loretta
Sarbanes
Scalise
Schakowsky
Schiff
Schneider
Schock
Schradler
Schwartz
Schweikert
Scott (VA)
Scott, Austin
Scott, David
Sensenbrenner
Serrano
Sessions
Sewell (AL)
Shea-Porter
Sherman
Shimkus
Shuster
Simpson
Sinema
Sires
Slaughter
Smith (NE)
Smith (NJ)
Smith (TX)
Smith (WA)
Southerland
Speier
Stewart
Stivers
Stockman
Stutzman
Swalwell (CA)
Takano
Terry
Thompson (CA)
Thompson (MS)
Thompson (PA)
Tiberi
Tierney
Tipton
Titus
Tonko
Tsongas
Turner
Upton
Valadao
Van Hollen
Vargas
Veasey
Vela
Velázquez
Visclosky
Wagner
Walberg
Walden
Walorski
Walz
Wasserman
Schultz
Waters
Posey
Waxman
Weber (TX)
Webster (FL)
Welch

Wenstrup	Wittman	Yoder
Whitfield	Wolf	Yoho
Williams	Womack	Young (AK)
Wilson (FL)	Woodall	Young (FL)
Wilson (SC)	Yarmuth	Young (IN)

NOT VOTING—24

Brown (FL)	Honda	Miller, Gary
Clarke	Keating	Moore
Clay	Lummis	Pallone
Cleaver	Lynch	Pittenger
Courtney	Marchant	Richmond
Davis, Rodney	Markey	Rohrabacher
Fincher	McDermott	Thornberry
Hastings (FL)	Meng	Westmoreland

□ 1857

Messrs. COHEN and GRIJALVA changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR VICTIMS OF BOSTON MARATHON EXPLOSIONS

(Mr. CAPUANO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the people in Boston who lost their lives and the many others who were seriously injured today. I hesitate to call what the event was; but whatever it was, it was a terrible tragedy. No matter how you measure it, whether official or unofficial terrorism, anyone who acts in such a manner is clearly an evil person and deserves to be called as such.

I know that today the rest of America stands with us, as we have stood with others before us, hopefully to never have to do it again. This event was not just a Boston event. The Boston Marathon is an international event that draws people from around the world. I would not be shocked if many of the people injured today were not just from Massachusetts. They're probably from other States and possibly—probably—other countries.

Today is a holiday in Massachusetts. It's a State holiday called Patriots Day. It's the day that we celebrate the actions of our patriots back in 1776 that started the Revolution that brought to birth this country. We remind ourselves regularly what it is to be an American, what it is to be a patriot, what it is to be a member of a society that cares for each other.

I know that the Members of this House will join me in wishing well all those people who were injured and sending our deepest condolences and sympathies to those people who were killed, as well as wishing well our men and women of law enforcement. I have absolutely full faith and confidence that they will find the people that have done this and bring them to justice so that we can all rest a little easier at some point.

The SPEAKER. The House will now observe a moment of silence in mem-

ory of the victims of today's attack in Boston.

CONTRACTING AND TAX ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2013

The SPEAKER. Without objection, 5-minute voting will continue.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 882) to prohibit the awarding of a contract or grant in excess of the simplified acquisition threshold unless the prospective contractor or grantee certifies in writing to the agency awarding the contract or grant that the contractor or grantee has no seriously delinquent tax debts, and for other purposes, as amended, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. ISSA) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 407, nays 0, not voting 25, as follows:

[Roll No. 104]

YEAS—407

Aderholt	Castro (TX)	Farr	Meehan	Scalise
Alexander	Chabot	Fattah	Meeks	Schakowsky
Amash	Chaffetz	Fitzpatrick	Messer	Schiff
Amodei	Chu	Fleischmann	Mica	Schneider
Andrews	Ciциlline	Fleming	Michaud	Schock
Bachmann	Clyburn	Flores	Miller (FL)	Schrader
Bachus	Coble	Forbes	Miller (MI)	Schwartz
Barber	Coffman	Fortenberry	Miller, George	Schweikert
Barletta	Cohen	Foster	Moran	Scott (VA)
Barr	Cole	Fox	Mullin	Scott, Austin
Barrow (GA)	Collins (GA)	Frankel (FL)	Mulvaney	Scott, David
Barton	Collins (NY)	Franks (AZ)	Murphy (FL)	Sensenbrenner
Bass	Conaway	Frelinghuysen	Murphy (PA)	Serrano
Beatty	Connolly	Fudge	Nadler	Sessions
Becerra	Conyers	Gabbard	Napolitano	Sewell (AL)
Benish	Cook	Galleo	Neal	Shea-Porter
Bentivolio	Cooper	Garamendi	Negrete McLeod	Sherman
Bera (CA)	Costa	Garcia	Neugebauer	Shimkus
Billirakis	Cotton	Gardner	Noem	Shuster
Bishop (GA)	Cramer	Garrett	Nolan	Simpson
Bishop (NY)	Crawford	Gerlach	Nugent	Sinema
Bishop (UT)	Crenshaw	Gibbs	Nunes	Sires
Black	Crowley	Gibson	Nunnelee	Slaughter
Blackburn	Cuellar	Gingrey (GA)	O'Rourke	Smith (NE)
Blumenauer	Culberson	Goodlatte	Olson	Smith (NJ)
Bonamici	Cummings	Gosar	Owens	Smith (TX)
Bonner	Daines	Govdy	Palazzo	Smith (WA)
Boustany	Davis (CA)	Granger	Pallone	Southerland
Brady (PA)	Davis, Danny	Graves (GA)	Pascrell	Speier
Brady (TX)	DeFazio	Graves (MO)	Pastor (AZ)	Stewart
Brale (IA)	DeGette	Grayson	Paulsen	Stivers
Bridenstine	Delaney	Green, Al	Payne	Stockman
Brooks (AL)	DeLauro	Green, Gene	Pearce	Stutzman
Brooks (IN)	DelBene	Griffin (AR)	Pelosi	Swalwell (CA)
Brown (GA)	Denham	Griffith (VA)	Perlmutter	Takano
Brownley (CA)	Dent	Grijalva	Perry	Terry
Buchanan	DeSantis	Grimm	Peters (CA)	Thompson (CA)
Bucshon	DesJarlais	Guthrie	Peters (MI)	Thompson (MS)
Burgess	Deutch	Gutierrez	Peterson	Thompson (PA)
Bustos	Diaz-Balart	Hahn	Petri	Tiberi
Butterfield	Dingell	Hanabusa	Pingree (ME)	Tierney
Calvert	Doggett	Hanna	Pitts	Tipton
Camp	Doyle	Harper	Pocan	Titus
Campbell	Duckworth	Harris	Poe (TX)	Tonko
Cantor	Duffy	Hartzler	Polis	Tsongas
Capito	Duncan (SC)	Hastings (WA)	Pompeo	Turner
Capps	Duncan (TN)	Heck (NV)	Posey	Upton
Capuano	Edwards	Heck (WA)	Price (GA)	Valadao
Cardenas	Ellison	Hensarling	Price (NC)	Van Hollen
Carney	Ellmers	Herrera Beutler	Quigley	Vargas
Carson (IN)	Engel	Higgins	Radel	Veasey
Carter	Enyart	Himes	Rahall	Vela
Cartwright	Eshoo	Hinojosa	Rangel	Velázquez
Cassidy	Esty	Holding	Reed	Visclosky
Castor (FL)	Farenthold		Reichart	Wagner
			Renacci	Walberg
			Ribble	Walden
			Rice (SC)	Walorski
			Rigell	Walz
			Roby	Wasserman
			Roe (TN)	Schultz
			Rogers (AL)	Waters
			Rogers (KY)	Watt
			Rogers (MI)	Waxman
			Rokita	Weber (TX)
			Rooney	Webster (FL)
			Ros-Lehtinen	Welch
			Roskam	Wenstrup
			Ross	Whitfield
			Rothfus	Williams
			Roybal-Allard	Wilson (FL)
			Royce	Wilson (SC)
			Ruiz	Wittman
			Runyan	Wolf
			Ruppersberger	Womack
			Rush	Woodall
			Ryan (OH)	Yarmuth
			Ryan (WI)	Yoder
			Salmon	Yoho
			Sánchez, Linda	Young (AK)
			T.	Young (FL)
			Sanchez, Loretta	Young (IN)
			Sarbanes	

NOT VOTING—25

Brown (FL)	Honda	Miller, Gary
Clarke	Huizenga (MI)	Moore
Clay	Keating	Pittenger
Cleaver	Lummis	Richmond
Courtney	Lynch	Rohrabacher
Davis, Rodney	Marchant	Thornberry
Fincher	Markey	Westmoreland
Gohmert	McDermott	
Hastings (FL)	Meng	